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Doug:

Re your's of the 16th.

When Castro took over, we had some remaining assets (tech types) who dallied too long in getting out of Havana. I checked with Charlie to determine if he had some remaining evacuation channel - including "mafia". Results negative. We managed to avoid the "wall" - naRROWLY, and got them in the Isle of Pines for ten years - under cover. Interestingly - Charlie introduced me to a Batista ex-driver - and his wife - who offered to lose them outside the prison to walk south ten miles to the ocean to meet our boat - their cousin, the Chief Guard would do the releasing - and they would share the 200 mil we would pay them up front. The ten miles south of the prison is mangrove swamp.

After 34 months they came out with the 40 Americans released as a part of the Bay of Pigs deal in exchange for an alleged 40 mil of medical supplies - and disappeared in Immigration at Homestead.

Ales Van deBeste -

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Never saw Charlie after that and shortly after he went to Chicago.

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See letter